

OPINION 818

ZORILLA I. GEOFFROY, 1826 (MAMMALIA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Zorilla* I. Geoffroy, 1826, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) Under the plenary powers the neotype specimen for *Viverra zorilla* Schreber, 1776, designated by Van Gelder, 1966, is hereby validated.

(3) The generic name *Ictonyx* Kaup, 1835 (gender : masculine), type-species by monotypy, *Ictonyx capensis* Kaup, 1835, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1759.

(4) The specific name *striatus* Perry, 1810, as published in the binomen *Bradypus striatus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2202.

(5) The generic name *Zorilla* I. Geoffroy, 1826 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1912.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 758)

An application for the suppression of the generic name *Zorilla* was first published in the form of a Report by Dr. W. E. China, Assistant Secretary to the Commission, on 10 September 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 284–289. The early history of the present case is set out in that Report. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two specialist serials.

Comments by Dr. L. B. Holthuis, Dr. P. Hershkovitz, Dr. J. Dorst, and Dr. E. Raymond Hall (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **20** : 241–245) included a counterproposal by Hershkovitz and resulted in a withdrawal by China of paras. (5)(b), (6) and part of (1)(b) of his proposal. In a further note (*op. cit.* **22** : 17–18) China proposed a neotype for *Viverra zorilla* Gmelin, 1788, which, after comment by Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder (*op. cit.* **22** : 278–280), he later withdrew. A final comment by Dr. P. Hershkovitz was published in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 74.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 25 January 1967 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (67)9, in Part 1 either for or against the use of the plenary powers in the present case. In Part 2 of the same Voting Paper Commissioners were invited to vote either for Alternative A (Van Gelder's proposals, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **22** : 179, with the exception of the addition of *Viverra zorilla* Schreber to the Official List) or for Alternative B (China's proposals, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 289, with the addition of Van Gelder's neotype designation for *V. zorilla* Schreber and the deletion of paras. (1)(b), (5) and (6)). At the close of the prescribed voting period on 25 April 1967 the state of the voting was as follows:

Part 1. Affirmative votes—twenty (20), received in the following order: Holthuis, China, Mayr, Lemche, Munroe, Boschma, Vokes, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Uchida, Sabrosky, Bonnet, Obruchev, Binder, Evans, Mertens, Kraus, Stoll, Forest, Ride.

Negative votes—one (1): Alvarado.

Part 2. Votes for Alternative A—seven (7): China, Uchida, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Forest, Ride.

Votes for Alternative B—thirteen (13): Holthuis, Mayr, Lemche, Munroe, Boschma, Vokes, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Bonnet, Obruchev, Evans, Stoll.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Hubbs, Simpson.

Prof do Amaral returned a late affirmative vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Ictonyx Kaup, 1835, *Das Thierr.* 1 : 352

striatus, *Bradypus*, Perry, 1810, *Arcana*: sign. Y1

Zorilla I. Geoffroy, 1826, *Dict. Class. Hist. nat.* 10 : 215

The following is the original reference for the designation of a neotype for a species concerned in the present case:

For *Viverra zorilla* Schreber, 1776: R. G. Van Gelder, 1966, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 : 278

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (67)9 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper as Alternative B has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 818.

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